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1. HERewith FULL TEXT WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL THURSDAY
APRIL 29 HEADED "KISSINGER'S AFRICAN SPEECH."

2. MR. KISSINGER'S AFRICAN SPEECH WENT FAR TOWARD POSITION-
ING THE UNITED STATES ON THE MORALLY RIGHT AND POLITICALLY
COMPELLING SIDE OF THE MAJOR AFRICAN ISSUE OF BLACK MAJORITY
RULE. HIS 10 POINTS OF AMERICAN POLICY FOR RHODESIA AND HIS
GENERAL APPROACH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY NEW, BUT THE
FACT THAT HE PUT IT ALL TOGETHER IN ONE ADDRESS AND DELIVER-
ED IT IN A PROMINENT AFRICAN FORUM SHOULD HELP CONVINCE
BLACK AFRICANS AND COMMITTED AMERICANS ALIKE THAT WASHINGTON
SUPPORTS THEIR ASPIRATIONS. DECLARING THE UNITED STATES'
"UNRELENTING OPPOSITION" TO MINORITY RULE IN SALISBURY, THE
SECRETARY OF STATE HARDENED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE NEGO-
TIATION OF BLACK RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS, CUT OFF THE PROSPECT
OF AID TO SALISBURY "IN ITS CONFLICT WITH AFRICAN STATES OR
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AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS," AND OFFERED ECONOMIC HELP TO

THE BLACK NATIONS HURT BY THEIR IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. HE ALSO PROMISED A NEW ADMINISTRATION ASSAULT--THIS TIME, WE TRUST, A SERIOUS ONE--ON THE BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH PERMITS THE IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME DESPITE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS.

3. THE SPEECH WAS WARMLY HAILED IN LUSAKA. THE PROGRAM MR. KISSINGER ENUNCIATED, HOWEVER, HAS ONLY THE FAINTEST PROSPECT OF BRINGING ABOUT THE "JUST AND DURABLE RHODESIAN SOLUTION" HE PROCLAIMED AS THE AMERICAN GOAL. IT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TOO LATE--TOO LATE FOR BLACK NATIONALISTS TO SLOW DOWN THEIR DRIVE FOR MILITARY LIBERATION, TOO LATE FOR SALISBURY TO MAKE THE CONCESSIONS THAT ONCE MIGHT HAVE SLOWED THAT DRIVE, TOO LATE FOR WASHINGTON TO EXERT A POSITIVE INFLUENCE. NO NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON; NONE ARE IN PROSPECT. GUERRILLAS ARE ON THE MOVE. PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH ONLY ON TUESDAY (THE DAY MR. KISSINGER SPOKE) INVITED BLACK TRIBAL CHIEFS INTO HIS CABINET IN A GESTURE AT ONCE PROPERLY DENOUNCED AS TARDY, DISTRACTING AND FUTILE. SAYING THAT SALISBURY IS "VIRTUALLY AT WAR," MR. SMITH ALSO ESTABLISHED SPECIAL COURTS TO DEAL WITH "TERRORISTS" AND TIGHTENED MEDIA CONTROLS. ALSO ON THE SAME DAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR JOSHUA NKOMO, A MODERATE NATIONALIST, SAID: "THE DANGER IS THAT WHEN MAJORITY RULE IS ATTAINED, BLACK-WHITE RELATIONS WILL BE SO POISONED THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF WHITES."

4. COULD THE UNITED STATES, BY BEGINNING YEARS EARLIER ITS PUSH FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE, HAVE DISABUSED SALISBURY OF THE EXPECTATION OF AN AMERICAN BAILOUT AND THEREBY INDUCED IT TO CHANGE COURSE? COULD THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAVE ACHIEVED SUCH A RESULT LAST YEAR, WHILE RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL IN PROGRESS, IF IT HAD NOT BECOME UNSTRUNG BY THE SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA? QUITE POSSIBLY--BUT IT IS NOT MUCH HELP NOW TO SPECULATE. IT IS SCARCELY DENIABLE, HOWEVER, THAT AT THE MOMENT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ACTING IN A WAY TO ENCOURAGE SALISBURY TO ACCEPT THE RISKS THAT WASHINGTON BELIEVES IT SHOULD. MR. KISSINGER DOES NOT VISIT RHODESIA OR ACCEPT AN ENVOY FROM MR. SMITH OR TRY TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE CONSTITUTIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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GUARANTEES FOR WHITES THAT HE ENDORSES COULD BE IMPLEMENTED; HE OFFERS ECONOMIC AID TO MOZAMBIQUE, THE PRINCIPAL STATE HARBORING THE GUERRILLAS ATTACKING SALISBURY. AMERICAN POLICY MAY OR MAY NOT AVERT A SECOND SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA, AS MR. KISSINGER COOLLY BARGAINS THAT IT WILL. BUT AMERICAN POLICY OFFERS ONLY THE SLIMMEST OF HOPES OF AVERTING "GREAT TRAGEDY" IN RHODESIA ITSELF.

5. THE KISSINGER SPEECH SKIPPED LIGHTLY OVER SOUTH AFRICA. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT WORKED OUT A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND SO THE SECRETARY WAS WELL ADVISED TO STICK TO BRIEF RESTATEMENTS OF EARLIER FORMULATIONS. HE DID, HOWEVER URGE PRETORIA TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN RHODESIA TO PROMOTE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, SUGGESTING THAT THIS

WOULD BE "VIEWED POSITIVELY BY THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AS WELL AS BY THE REST OF AFRICA." DOOMED PRIMARILY BY THEIR OWN BLINDNESS, RHODESIA'S WHITES MUST PROBABLY BE LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES; INTENSIFIED RACIAL WAR, FOLLOWED BY CIVIL WAR ON THE MODEL OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, IS THE LIKELIEST PROSPECT. SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS BY FAR THE GREATEST CHALLENGE. THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO START COPING SERIOUSLY WITH IT. (END TEXT.) SISCO

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